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Mr. Marc Connally
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Re: Review of the Draft Action Memorandum Amendment for a Time Critical Removal of PFOS- and PFOA- Contaminated Water in Residential Wells Near Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington

Dear Mr. Connally:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above referenced Draft Action Memo Amendment. We have provided two comments that would clarify the document and one additional comment for your consideration.

- Throughout the AM Amendment (on pages 1, 3 and 4) the reader is directed to refer to the attached Action Memorandum Amendment for a Time-Critical Removal Action Treatment of PFOS and PFOA-Contaminated Water in Residential Wells Near Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington, Final, October 2017 for additional information. The October 2017 document is the original Memorandum, and not the AM Amendment. Please modify the text to reflect the appropriate document title.
- The reference section does not include the original October 2017 Memorandum. Please add the original October 2017 Memorandum to the reference section.
- The Air Force has indicated that where a Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) treatment system is technically unfeasible, not practical, or not cost effective and there is a municipal drinking water system main adjacent to the property, the home plumbing of the residence will be connected to the municipal drinking water system. Currently, the AF has identified only two residences where the estimated cost to connect to a municipal system is less than the cost to design and install an in-home water treatment system. However, if the intent is to evaluate additional residences that may be affected, then the AM Amendment should be revised to include the decision criteria that will be used to establish 1) technical feasibility, 2) practicality, or 3) cost effectiveness when comparing the design and installation of an in-home GAC system versus the design and installation of a residential connection to a municipal water system.

If you have any questions, please contact me at prestbo.kim@epa.gov or 206-553-0239.

Sincerely,

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